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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIS, SENV, IWC-1, CY, SP

SUBJECT: WHALING ACTIVITIES OF FISHING VESSELS SIERRA
AND TONNA

REF: NICOSIA 568 (NOTAL)

1. RECENT REPORTS INDICATE PIRATE WHALER SIERRA AND A
CONVERTED FACTORY-CATCHER BOAT ARE WHALING OFF COAST OF
SPAIN AND/OR PORTUGAL. REPORTS ALSO RECEIVED THAT SIERRA
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IS SELLING WHALE MEAT IN BOXES LABELLED QUOTE PRODUCE OF
SPAIN UNQUOTE, WHICH IS DESTINED FOR JAPAN. HOME PORT
NOW REPORTED TO BE LAS PALMAS. SIERRA'S ACTIVITIES HAVE
BEEN OF CONCERN TO U.S. AND OTHER COUNTRIES INTERESTED IN
WHALE CONSERVATION BECAUSE SHE OPERATES UNDER VARIOUS
FLAGS OF CONVENIENCE (LAST REGISTERED IN CYPRUS) AND IN
COMPLETE DISREGARD FOR QUOTAS ESTABLISHED BY INTERNATIONAL
WHALING COMMISSION.

2. FISHING VESSEL TONNA, WHICH MAY BE CONVERTED FACTORY-

CATCHER WORKING WITH SIERRA, REPORTEDLY RECENTLY CAPSIZED AND SANK WHILE HARPOONING A LARGE WHALE OFF PORTUGAL. TONNA REPORTEDLY REGISTERED IN NETHERLANDS ANTILLES AND IS CONVERTED STERN TRAWLER ORIGINALLY FROM JAPAN.

3. ACTION: WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO HOST GOVERNMENTS CAN PROVIDE ON ACTIVITIES, REGISTRATION AND OWNERSHIP OF SIERRA AND TONNA, INCLUDING VERIFICATION OF SINKING OF TONNA AND ITS CONNECTION WITH SIERRA. ALSO APPRECIATE INFO ON LABELLING AND DESTINATION OF MEAT PRODUCTS. EMBASSIES, NOTING FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS, SHOULD URGE HOST GOVERNMENTS NOT TO SUPPORT THESE TWO SHIPS IN ANY WAY.

4. NICOSIA: HAS GOC TAKEN ANY FURTHER ACTION RE REFTTEL?

5. MADRID: SPAIN HAS ANNOUNCED THEIR INTENTION TO JOIN IWC. ANY SUPPORT OF SIERRA AND/OR TONNA NOT IN KEEPING WITH THAT COMMITMENT.

6. THE HAGUE: NETHERLANDS IS ONE OF STRONGEST CONSERVATION MEMBERS OF IWC, AND HAS EXPRESSED PARTICULAR CONCERN ABOUT THE OPERATIONS OF NON-IWC NATIONS AS WELL AS THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY TO AND IMPORT OF WHALE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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PRODUCTS FROM NON-IWC NATIONS BY IWC MEMBERS. REGISTRATION OF TONNA IN NETHERLANDS ANTILLES, IF ACTUAL FACT, COMPLETELY INCONGRUOUS WITH GON POSITION IN IWC.

7. TOKYO, MADRID: GOJ EARLIER THIS YEAR ANNOUNCED BAN ON IMPORT OF WHALE PRODUCTS FROM NON-IWC WHALING NATIONS, EXCEPT RPT EXCEPT SPAIN BECAUSE SPAIN WHALES WITHIN LIMITS RECOMMENDED BY THE IWC SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE. IF PRODUCTS OF THESE TWO VESSELS ARE LABELLED AS PRODUCTS OF SPAIN, IS THIS ATTEMPT TO GET AROUND IWC LIMITS AND RECENT GOJ BAN?

8. LISBON: WHILE PORTUGAL NOT MEMBER OF IWC, GOP APPEARS PROUD OF FACT THAT WHALING IN PORTUGAL TAKE PLACE WITHIN LIMITS RECOMMENDED BY IWC SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE.

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